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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6633

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0704

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SUBJECT: SOVIET VISIT TO BOTSWANA DIAMOND MINE

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B. LUSAKA 0960

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. DCM HAS RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOLLOWING SOVIET VISIT REPORTED REF A FROM SAME SOURCE. GROUP ARRIVED MAY 23 AS SCHEDULED BUT FROM DAR RATHER THAN LUSAKA. THEY PROCEEDED TO ORAPA DIAMOND MINE SAME DAY. FOLLOWING MORNING (MAY 24), ANGLO-AMERICAN BOARD CHAIRMAN OPPENHEIMER, BOARD MEMBER J. OGILIVIE THOMPSEON AND HEAD OF "CENTRAL SALES OFFICE" FROM LONDON MET WITH THEM AT ORAPA.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, VISIT TO ORAPA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN GENERAL ORIENTATION SPONSORED BY OPPENHEIMER AND HIS DE BEERS DIAMOND OPERATION. GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA WAS NOT DEEPLY INVOLVED.

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3. MINISTER OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER AFFAIRS SEGOKGO
TOLD AMBASSADOR HE MET WITH GROUP BRIEFLY BUT THEY WERE NOT
VERY FORTHCOMING, NOTING THAT VISIT HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY ANGLO-
AMERICAN AND NOT BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT.
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